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PHYSICALLY UNFIT EXCEED GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES

Washington, Aug. 6.—The percentage of exemptions due to physical disqualifications has exceeded the expectations of the War Department, and it is possible that the relaxation of the rules will be ordered so far as they pertain to training.

In building the selective service law army officers figured the total exemptions, including dependencies, industrial requirements and physical defects, at not more than 55 percent, thus making 45 per cent of the registrants examined available for service. It is running at a rate, however, that will be 75 per cent, it is estimated, when the industrial exemptions are awarded. This means that in order to secure the 1,187,000 men for the National army and its supply of corps requirements, nearly 5,000,000 men will have to be called and examined. The developments show an alarming state of physical unpreparedness in the young men of the country, much of which may be relieved through systematic training. It is not believed, however, that the rate will continue and to meet it examining physicians have been advised to watch well for instances of malingerers, by applying all the tests known to the medical profession to make the attempts unsuccessful. As a result recruits are subjected to a most thorough inspection, and it is within the range of probabilities that the requirements will be somewhat relaxed. Other wise if the Government finds it necessary to call for a second million under the selective draft, if the high per centages are maintained, it will come close to exhausting the ten million registrants.

Wearing Glasses Not Bar.

The fact that a man wears glasses does not give him ground for exemption. When his sight is tested it is without aid of the lenses, and if each eye meets the requirements the man is acceptable as far as the eyes are concerned. There are a lot of eye afflictions of almost unpronounceable names, any one of which is sufficient for rejection, but an eye specialist can tell at a glance whether a man has been wearing glasses with a view of putting this optics in unpassable shape.

Instructions issued by Provost Marshal General Crowder show that the industrial exemption on account of gathering crops will not be allowed, but the ruling is not understood to affect the standing of a registrant who claims exemption for other industrial reasons. Those needed to gather crops are to be listed by the appeal boards and so certified to the local boards with the statement that the claim has

been disallowed, but retaining the men on the records for subsequent calls. Under this procedure, it is expected that all drafted men who otherwise meet the requirements, but needed to get the crops up, will be included in the calls for the first increment as their labors at home are completed, and if not they will go in the second increment, which is expected to be called early in the spring.

Regulations are soon to be issued covering the procedure of mobilization of the drafted men at cantonments, which probably will call for only a portion of the accepted men to appear on given dates. It is believed necessary to affect an orderly concentration of about 20 per cent at a time. These details are to be handled through the State Adjutants General.

The ranks of the new national army were opened formally today to friendly aliens as volunteers. A ruling by Provost Marshal General Crowder, communicated to the local selection boards, directs that all such aliens who waive their right of exemption on nationality be promptly accepted for service.

HOT IN THE EAST.

W. L. Lunkart returned Wednesday morning from a trip to New York City and other points where he has been buying new fall and winter goods for his store. Mr. Lunkart says the weather in the east is the hottest he ever experienced. When we read about the temperature in New York City being 95, Mr. Lunkart says this means a few hundred feet above the ground where the weather observatories are located, and not down on the street where the hot pavements and big buildings cause the mercury to record about 107. Mr. Lunkart says that at midnight the mercury registered 93 in the lobby of the big hotel he was stopping at. This kind of weather makes a man appreciate the climate of Eastern New Mexico.

PUBLICITY MAN HERE.

A. M. Hove, publicity man for the Santa Fe, was in Clovis last Saturday. Mr. Hove's particular business on this trip was to interview the business men and farmers in regard to the exceptionally good wheat yields that have been made in this county. He says he wants the rest of the country to know something of our success here in raising wheat on a limited rainfall.

LITTLE KATHLEEN

SELLERS DEAD.

Kathleen, the sixteen months' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sellers, died Sunday night after an illness of only a few days. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon by Father Meyer from the Sacred Heart Catholic church. Mr. L. A. Roll, Superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School, sang beautifully, "Asleep in Jesus" and Messrs. Roll, Musin Croft, Dennis Foreman and Ernest Bahridge, sang very touchingly, "The Reaper." Little Mary Katherine O'Connell, Margaret and Katherine Shute and Margaret Lehrer acted as pall bearers. Sentiments of the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Sellers were expressed by beautiful floral tributes. The sympathy and condolence of all who know them attend Mr. and Mrs. Sellers who resignedly submitted to the will of Him who doeth all things well, and it is a consolation to realize that the loved innocent one is "Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep from which none ever wakes to weep."

AGRICULTURAL MAN HERE.

A. C. Cooley, director of the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, has been in Clovis this week and in company with County Agricultural Agent Peterson has been visiting at different localities in the county. Mr. Cooley expressed gratification at the work being done here through the county agent.

FOR SALE—100 acre farm, north-east 1/4 section 10, township 2 north, Range 5 east, two miles west and one-half mile north of Clovis. Address: T. E. Bradley, Wilder, Kans. 4tp

Portales Man is Finding Market for Bear Grass

J. P. Deen of Portales was a Clovis visitor Wednesday. He stopped off here enroute home from a trip to points in the east. Mr. Deen recently has been instrumental in getting a staple market for bear grass and it was in connection with this business that he has been on a trip east. Mr. Deen represents the American Manufacturing Company of St. Louis and he has been buying bear grass at Portales for the past several weeks. He now plans to have an agency established at Clovis and he is in position to buy the grass here within a short time.

Mr. Deen says that on the present market his company pays \$9.00 per ton for dry bear grass in the bale.

for the green grass loose they will pay \$2.50 per ton, and for the dry grass loose they will pay \$5.00. He says on the lands south of Clovis that there are hundreds of tons growing and that a staple market for the product will scatter quite a few dollars in the country.

In answer to the question as to whether the market for bear grass is a permanent matter, Mr. Deen said that he believes that it is and if this is the case, in years to come it should be a source of quite a bit of revenue from the poorer grades of land in this section, as when the grass is cut from the land it grows back more abundantly than before it was first cut.

CLOVIS BAPTISTS GIVE LIBERALLY TO SCHOOL

Dr. Scarborough who has been conducting the revival meeting here at the Baptist church, left last Monday for his home at Fort Worth. Dr. Scarborough is president of Southwestern Theological Seminary at Fort Worth and after the Sunday morning sermon he took a collection for that school. The school is for the purpose of preparing young men for the ministry and Dr. Scarborough explained that \$100 would pay one young man's schooling for a year. He got a hearty response to his request for donations to the school and over \$620 was subscribed.

The meeting resulted in much good for the community and there were a number of conversions and quite a few additions to the church.

RATON GETS CONVENTION.

At the services Sunday night the members of the Baptist church tendered an invitation to the Baptist Convention of New Mexico to hold its next session here. Portales had been chosen for the next meeting place but last week decided they would be unable to entertain the convention. Clovis would have appreciated the opportunity to entertain the convention but it is understood that Raton has been decided upon by the committee.

THAT BAND CONCERT.

As advertised last week the Ladies' Band of Clovis arrived in Portales last Sunday afternoon and gave a free concert on the court house lawn. Almost the entire population of the city was out and enjoyed each number immensely. This band consists of twenty-five members and is, probably, the most popular band in the state and is a credit to a town many times the size of Clovis. They were served with ice cream, punch and many other delicacies by the citizens of the city and seemed to enjoy their trip almost as much as our people did the music. We hope that this will not be their last visit to us.—Portales News.

Client wants to sell \$2,000.00 first mortgage land note, bears good rate interest, runs three years, secured by plenty good farm land. See Reagan Land & Cattle Co.

WOMEN TO REGISTER IN CLOVIS SATURDAY

Saturday will be registration day in Clovis for the women. This registration is conducted by the Woman's Committee Council of National Defense and the registration in Clovis will be at the Magic City Furniture Co. The women who register are provided with a card with numerous blanks to fill out and they are to indicate in what numbers of lines of occupation they are most proficient. They can also indicate in what line of endeavor they would particularly like to have special training. The government has more than one object in encouraging these registration days by the women. One is that numbers and numbers of places in government and business life will now have to be filled by the women and it is the idea to ascertain just how many women are fitted for these positions. Young women are particularly requested to register. No obligation whatever is placed upon those registering and those in charge will have blanks and can furnish much detailed information. Next Saturday is the day.

MINUTES OF COUNTY

SCHOOL BOARD.

The Curry County School Board met August 6th. All members being present, the general routine of business was taken up.

A motion was made by Mr. Conley that the board recommend that district No. 4 provide a levy sufficient to supply the needs of their district.

A motion was made by Mr. Hingate to handle the coal proposition through Texico, Clovis, Melrose and San Jon dealers by the ton.

Mr. Huffman made a motion to buy two motor trucks with school beds complete, one for former district No. 23 and one for No. 36.

Each of these questions having been thoroughly discussed they were unanimously favored by the board.

After general discussion and a better understanding of school affairs of the county, the board adjourned subject to call by the president.

Una M. Steed, Secretary.

Eggs 35c per dozen at the Model Grocery. "The Price is the Thing."

Auto painting. Bert Curless, Phone 254.

County Council of Defense Named by the Governor

Citizens have received notification of their appointment by the Governor on the Council of Defense of Curry County. Those who have been named here are Sheriff D. L. Moye, S. A. Jones, Sam P. Bratton, Chas. A. Schenrich, Alex Shipley, W. A. Havener, J. S. Fitzgerald, Fred W. James all of Clovis and Geo. P. Baxter of Melrose, R. J. McMullen of Havener, B. M. Porter of Melrose and B. S. Triplett of Texico.

The duties of the Council of Defense will be to carry out within Curry County such plans and policies as may be formulated by the State Council of Defense for the defense of the nation, for the promotion of agriculture, the

production, distribution, transportation and conservation of food stuffs and articles and materials essential to the support of the armies and of the people, for the prevention and suppression of riots and insurrection, and generally provide for the public defense, peace, health, safety and welfare of the people during the time of war.

Sheriff Moye who is temporary chairman of the county council has called a meeting of those appointed to meet at the court house Friday afternoon, Aug. 10 at 2:00 o'clock to perfect organization, at which time a permanent chairman, a secretary and treasurer and an executive committee of three will be elected.

COUNTY EXEMPTION BOARD ON THE JOB THIS WEEK

Much interest is being centered around the examinations being held this week by the local exemption board of the first 48 men who have been summoned to secure Curry county's quota for the army. A good deal of all of three days was spent by the board in examining the men and at the time the News closed its forms Thursday night not a great deal of information was at hand as to who would be exempted by the local board and who would not as some of the men examined had not filed their claim for exemption. There is one noticeable fact, and that is that the great majority of those examined have asked for exemption on one ground or another. A great many more passed the physical test than were expected to, as the government has stretched the qualification schedule until most any man who is physically sound, regardless of size, will get by. The News had hoped to publish a more complete list this week, giving the names of those who had passed the physical test, but this has been held up pending further instruction from the department. Dr. Westerfield, the physician member of the board, informed the News man Thursday evening that further instructions from headquarters would possibly cause some to pass whom the board had at first figured would be physically unfit.

The following examined men have filed claims for exemption, for the reason given in connection with their names below, but have not completed proof of their reasons for exemption to the board:

Andie Berry, Melrose, son of aged dependent parent. Brother to dependent child.

Wm. Fenderman, Forest, dependent wife.

Rufus Chapman, Melrose, member of Church of Christ, a sect whose creed forbids its members from participating in war. Also has dependent wife.

Selmar Lewis, St. Vrain, member of Church of Christ, a sect whose creed forbids its members from participating in war.

Grover C. Cogdell, Cameron, dependent wife.

Thomas L. Crowder, Clovis, dependent wife.

Jacob A. Eller, Clovis, son of aged dependent parent.

Rodney Fox, (to be examined elsewhere) dependent wife.

Aug. M. Hogue, Grady, dependent wife.

Idus A. Martin, Clovis, dependent wife.

Mack Therman Roach, St. Vrain, son of aged dependent parent.

Have Filed Exemption Proof.

The following have completed their proof of exemption to the board:

E. Rodriguez, Clovis, resident alien, filed proof and discharged.

Ernest L. Askins, Grady, dependent wife.

Henry Thomas Arnsperger, Havener, dependent wife.

Harry E. Baker, Clovis, dependent wife.

Lee Taylor Brummett, Hollene, dependent wife.

Jesse Burchett, St. Vrain, dependent wife. Mr. Burchett's claim has been passed on by the board and he has been exempted.

Carl John Carnes, Texico, dependent wife.

John Robert Cox, Clovis, dependent wife.

Leandro Duran, Clovis, resident alien.

David R. Hes, Clovis, dependent wife.

James H. Lovett, Texico, regular minister of religion. Son of a dependent widow.

James W. McGregor, Clovis, dependent wife.

James Lloyd Porter, Texico, dependent wife.

Tom York Riley, Clovis, dependent wife.

It will be noted that only two have been finally exempted by the board, E. Rodriguez and Jesse Burchett. Other applications will be acted upon by the board and results published in the News in next week's issue.

Our load of the famous Weatherford Texas watermelons Saturday. One for everybody. The Model Grocery. "The Price is the Thing."

The News for Job Printing.

SUNSHINE SHOP WILL HAVE OPENING SATURDAY.

"The Sunshine Shop" will be the name of the new confectionery to be opened in the new Merritt building. The formal opening of the business will be held Saturday, August 11th at which time the owners of the business invite the public generally to visit them. Souvenirs will be given the ladies and movie cards will be there for the children. The business will be a branch of "The Sugar Moon" at Roswell and the store here will be under the management of Sam McMurray. The new building is exceptionally well fitted up and we bespeak for "The Sunshine Shop" a good business.

THINKS IT'S A WHEAT COUNTRY.

J. G. Griffith who lives in the Hollen neighborhood was a Clovis visitor Tuesday. Mr. Griffith has been suffering from an attack of rheumatism and this is the first time he has been in Clovis for two months. He says a fine rain visited his neighborhood Sunday and while there will not be a great deal of feed raised, the farmers of his neighborhood feel that they will raise enough to do them. Mr. Griffith says he is being convinced more and more each year that wheat is the real crop for the farmer of this section to depend upon and that he is going to put out an acreage this fall.

WILL WORK FOR SOUTHWESTERN.

D. L. Hooper has returned from Hereford where he has been for a few months has accepted a position with the Southwestern Drug Co. as prescription clerk. Mr. Hooper worked for the City Drug Store here before going to Hereford.

CURRY STILL LOOKS GOOD.

B. S. Orr returned the first of the week from an automobile trip to points in Oklahoma and southern Kansas. Mr. Orr says that section has suffered much from dry weather and that eastern New Mexico looks good to him after returning from his trip.

HAS FINE FEED CROP.

J. A. Laird of Bellview was a visitor at the News office last Saturday. Mr. Laird says that he has been fortunate in getting good local rains in his community and that he has 200 acres of extra fine maize and a fine field of sorghum. His maize, he says, is in the boot now and will make grain without any more rain, however it will make a much better yield with additional moisture.

Mrs. I. B. L. Osborne is in Kansas City and other markets buying fall and winter millinery for her store here.

Lyceum Theatre

Wholesome Entertainment for the Citizen, His Wife, His Child and His Friend.

PROGRAM

August 11th to August 18th.

Saturday, Aug. 11—Kathlyn Williams in "Redeeming Love," Paramount picture.

Sunday, Aug. 12—Pearl White in "The Fatal Ring," chapter six, Cub Comedy and Pathe News.

Tuesday, Aug. 14—Marguerite Clark in "Snow White," Paramount picture.

Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 15 and 16—Mlle. Nazimova in "War Tribes," Schenick special feature.

Friday, Aug. 17—Helen Holmes in "Railroad Raiders," chapter 7, Marin Sals in "Secret of Past Valley," an adventure of the American Girl, Ham and Bud Comedy and Pathe News.

Saturday, Aug. 18—Chas. Chaplin in "The Immigrant," William Farnum in "Fires of Conscience."

Matinee every day week August 13, 18.